

Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for November 1959

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

None reported.

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

As yet the Division has not received any response to its request for revision of the original list of city plans requested by DD/P. To date, 33 city plans have been processed or are in progress in the Division: 10 have been published, 20 are in progress and 3 have not been started. Unless DD/P submits a new list shortly, it will be necessary to slow down on the compilation phase of this program.

In addition there appears to be some confusion developing between the requirements DD/P is placing upon the Area and PIC.

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH

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Chief/GC/C and DCh/D/GC met with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a Printing Services Division, to discuss the problem of poor quality photographic work coming out of the [REDACTED]. The reason given for the recognized below-standard quality was the enormous amount of work the Plant must produce. It was emphasized, however, that most of the photographic requirements of D/GC are for top quality work and in most cases a lesser product will not be acceptable. We hope that by pressure in the right places by D/GC and by a more efficient method of control of work at the [REDACTED] that this problem will be remedied.

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GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

The Far East Branch reports that a total of 98 hours of voluntary overtime were expended during the month, underscoring the problem of understaffing in the Branch.

The pattern of requests for copies of D/GG finished intelligence issuances some time after normal distribution has been completed suggests that the standard distribution lists for the reports in the G, GM, and MR categories should be carefully re-examined and revised. It is understood that St/P/C has scheduled a meeting with OCR that will cover all ORR standard distribution lists.

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GEOGRAPHY DIVISION (Cont'd)

COORDINATION STAFF

The NIS Committee still has not approved the Chapter IX forecasts for FYs 1962 and 1963. The NIS Chairman feels that more emphasis should be placed on maintenance work for high priority areas. At the request of the NIS Committee, the Chapter IX Coordinator attended the NIS Committee meeting on 24 November and outlined the procedures and criteria followed by the Chapter IX Subcommittee in the selection of new and maintenance areas for the forecasts. No vote was taken, but there was apparent support among some of the committee members for continuance of some work on new areas. The Chairman requested, however, that the Chapter IX Subcommittee reexamine the forecasts for 1962 and 1963, giving more consideration to maintenance work. No specific guidance for changes in the criteria was provided by the NIS Committee. The Chairman also requested that the Chapter IX Subcommittee give consideration to a revision of the Chapter IX outline to allow for more flexibility in scheduling maintenance in future years.

25X6A Delay in the receipt of the CIA contribution to Chapter IX of [REDACTED] is creating a problem for the Coordinator.

NEAR EAST/AFRICA BRANCH

The period from 1 November 1959 to the end of the Kurd project would be a time of highly effective use of a qualified clerical or intelligence assistant provided such a person had already become acquainted with Branch procedures. A lesser degree of effectiveness, i.e., a salvage type operation so far as the Kurd project is concerned, could be achieved by bringing in such a person now or in the near future. The present system of using Division clerical personnel who are subject to the demands of their assigned tasks and to the call of other branches, and are not located in the Branch, is neither efficient nor satisfactory.